

THE PUBLIC FORUM

TIPS TO THE HEALTH DEP'T.—

Since my last letter to The Day Book Forum, Chicago health dep't has started a terrific fumigating campaign against all kinds of germs, disease and filth in this city. Also, there has been a great deal of kind, generous, practical advice given the department by different contributors, all anxious that something beneficial be done to improve health conditions. Aware of all this, I am also going to contribute my share on the question of hygiene, fumigation and cleaning.

Two million dollars could be used to good advantage by the health dep't in the following way: First, notify all owners of neglected tenement houses and buildings used and rented for housing purposes of any description where complaint of neglect of housecleaning may come from and to the dep't's notice or during its inspection it is found expedient to promote the idea of public health. The dep't should immediately declare said place or places unfit for human habitation by tacking a red card on both front and rear doors; printed words, notifying whom it may concern, to that effect. If owners or occupants within the next 30 days do not thoroughly clean said premises, according to following idea of specifications—wash with soap and water all interior woodwork, remove all old wallpaper, wash all walls and ceilings, calcimine or repaper same, varnish or paint all woodwork and walls as the case may be—the health dep't shall strictly enforce present health ordinance of this city, either by condemning such property and habitation or instituting proceedings to have the aforesaid ordinance carried into effect. If necessary to take charge of and see that such work of housecleaning, both interior and exterior, be performed, all such expense to be levied against said property, under eminent right domain, all rent from such repaired or improved

property should be collected by the health dep't or building repair dep't of the city of Chicago until repairs was paid.

The health dep't should take unto itself more responsibility as a health dep't. If the dep't does not have the authority and power it needs, then legislation is necessary to give it the required full power to act; and, of course, the necessary appropriations.

There is no reason why we cannot work in a practical way. I mean all the different departments of the city should recognize that they have a duty to perform to themselves, to our city, to make it a place that we can be proud of and in reality say it is a place of health and beauty.

Now, altogether for a healthy, clean, city beautiful Chicago. Help keep the city clean.—August Olson, 3216 Osgood St.

WANTS PRETTY HOME, TOO.—

Why are the china clubs being driven out of business. For four years I have belonged to one on the Northwest Side and have paid 25 cents a week. Sometimes I was fortunate enough to win out after paying only a few dollars and I received \$10 worth of goods; sometimes I paid out my whole \$10 card. But I always received the full \$10 value in goods.

I was never dissatisfied. But now I hear that these clubs are going out of business. From the benefits of these clubs I have been able to make my home more beautiful. Many things I have I could never have gotten if I had to pay \$10 in cash for them.

It seems that some of the wealthy men's wives are afraid that the poor man's wife will have a pretty home, too. Handpainted china and cut glass used to be a sign of wealth. By belonging to a china club nearly anyone can have these things.

There have been some dishonest china clubs to be sure. But there are many which are honest. Why